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SUPREME COURT GIVES NEW RULING

Supreme court upholds decision of lower court in case of Dunseath against the city of Tucson for damages.

Judgement of the superior court of Pima county was upheld last Tuesday in the state supreme court, and James R. Dunseath of Tucson may collect \$233.51 from the city of Tucson, damages for which he sued in the superior court.

The case is of especial interest to the state in that it is the first decision ever handed down by an Arizona supreme court, state or territory, which defines the right of citizens to protect their property against the encroachment of city government.

Dunseath filed his suit against the city of Tucson, contending that damages had been done to his premises, especially to his cellar, by water flowing from city ditches which flooded his property. The superior court decided in his favor, and the city took an appeal. In the supreme court it was decided that Dunseath was damaged to the extent awarded him by the lower tribunal, and the decision of the superior court was sustained.—Republican.

Will Distribute Lands

The military government of Chihuahua, issued a decree March 11, for the distribution of public lands among the soldiers active in the present revolution, the disabled veterans of the Madera revolt and the widows and orphans of the two revolutions. According to a tentative estimate, each will be given sixty-two acres.

The decree provides that no persons with resources equal to one of these farms shall participate in the benefits of the plan. The new owner will not be permitted to sell his farm within ten years, nor shall it be subject to execution for debt.

The decree excited interest as being the first attempt to apply the constitutional plan for solving the land problem.

Two commissioners from Gen. Contreras, commanding the rebels at Edricena in the state of Durango, conferred with Villa about the Torreon campaign Wednesday. They said the federal garrison was about 7000 and that the place is surrounded.—Gazette.

Wm. A. Aird, of the Aztec ranch, spent Sunday in town with Mrs. Aird, who is the professional nurse now at the home of Mrs. Geo. Sharp. He reports everything looking fine on the ranch.

SCHOOL NOTES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Norma Divilbess enrolled Tuesday in the chart class in the north primary.

Goldie Greer who has been out since Dec. 9th returned Monday March 9th. Goldie is in the intermediate room.

Georgia Sharp of the 4th grade, Henry Sharp of the 2nd, and Eddie Sharp of the 1st, returned Monday morning after being out on account of the sickness and death of their brother Arthur.

In the south primary Carolina Montanio and Mary Lial returned Monday forenoon after being out because of the death of little Celdon Montanio on Thursday. There have been three deaths within a month, among pupils who were enrolled last fall in the primary grades. The south primary room was dismissed Friday afternoon that they might attend the funeral.

Josephine Jones of Gallup, and Minnie Bunker of Oklahoma City were enrolled in the 7th grade Monday.

Patten Paulsell of the 1st grade who has been out with pneumonia, and Jack and Warren Smith of the 3rd grade, who have had the mumps, came back to work Monday morning.

Rev. C. M. Ross of Winslow visited the grammar room Monday afternoon and gave a live talk with a baseball text, which appealed to the boys and girls.

The 6th grade completes the review of Arithmetic Book I this week and will take up Book II on Monday.

The 5th grade began reviewing English the 1st of the week.

Birthday Celebrated

Little Mary Zuck celebrated her 10th birthday last Tuesday, March 10th. She invited Miss Leola Hennessey, Miss Georgia Sharp, Masters Henry and Eddie Sharp, and Mrs. R. S. Teeple and Mrs. Aird over to spend the afternoon with her in honor of the occasion. The little folks played jolly games in which the big children joined merrily. Mrs. Zuck served the guests with dainty refreshments, and altogether Mary's 10th birthday was a very happy one.

Larson Brothers, who own a large tract of rich farming land out on the Le Reoux, are going into the agricultural venture on rather a large scale this year. They have built a reservoir that covers about forty acres of land, and by this means have conserved the flood waters of the Le Reoux wash, and have an abundant supply stored for irrigation purposes.

In Honor of Mrs. Cozby

Mrs. R. S. Teeple entertained with a whist party last Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. C. C. Cozby, of Fresno, California. Three tables were required to accommodate the gay little company of twelve ladies present. Mrs. Kelly made the highest score in the afternoon's game and won the prize. At the close of the game Mrs. Teeple served delicious refreshments. Expressions of having spent an afternoon delightfully, were unanimous.

Present were Mrs. C. C. Cozby, the guest of honor; Mrs. Sidney Sapp, Mrs. W. B. Woods, Mrs. Edw. J. Garrison, Mrs. James Scorse, Mrs. Lloyd C. Henning, Mrs. John Flanagan, Mrs. J. W. Bazell, Mrs. George Hennessey, Mrs. W. H. Clark, Mrs. C. Richard Kelly and Mrs. Teeple.

Sheriff Woods made an official trip to Indian Wells last Sunday.

Pratt Greer was in St. Johns from Sunday until Wednesday of this week.

S. D. Smith is spending three or four days in Whiteriver on some business affair. He went up on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace H. Larson have taken housekeeping rooms in the Holbrook hotel. They moved over last week.

Meetings are being held in the Elk's theater in Winslow for the purpose of teaching the ladies of that town how to use the ballot. Wonder how many ladies in Holbrook will know just what to do with the ballot when they go to the polls next fall. This venture into politics is so new and out of the ordinary routine of the average woman's life that a few, specific instructions along this line as the county election day approaches, would not be amiss.

Mrs. Margaret M. Black died at Pagosa Springs, Colorado, on the 22nd day of February, at the age of 83 years. She was the mother of W. R. Black, the operator of the moving picture machine at the Pastime, and was coming to Holbrook from Seattle Washington, to make her home with Mr. Black, but en route stopped in Denver and, Pagosa Springs to visit other sons. She was taken sick at the latter place and the end came peacefully three days later.

The Holbrook Meat Market has again opened its doors for business and will henceforth be conducted under the management of Wm. Lee and Chas. Osborne. The new proprietors need no introduction. They are both well known and capable men and is an assurance of the permanency of the business. The fixtures have been rearranged to give more floor space and a finer display of the choice meats, vegetables and fruits and other good eatables that lure the appetite.

Having completed the work of installing telephones and putting in the 50-pair lead cable railroad crossing at this end of the line of the Navajo Apache Telephone System, S. B. Boothe accompanied by Mrs. Boothe and son, together with Clarence Sadler, left Monday morning in the Cummins Ford, for St. Johns. They went by way of the Petrified Forest where they spent a delightful hour. Mr. Boothe and Mr. Sadler will be engaged in construction work for the system in Apache county, for the next three months. Forty miles of telephone wire was received last week by the company and transferred to St. Johns.

Enjoyable "500" Party

Quite an enjoyable informal affair was the card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Divilbess on Thursday evening of last week, when they entertained with "five hundred," Mr. and Mrs. Edw. J. Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. Richard Kelly, Miss Gardner, Messrs. Lew H. Mickey and Al Garrison. At 12 o'clock delicious refreshments were partaken of and the guests bade their host and hostess a reluctant goodnight.

Mrs. Lassater is visiting in Adamana this week.

C. C. Naegle, a prominent cow man of the Mineral country, was here Monday on business.

John B. Randall, an expert machinist, is working at the Ford garage.

Miss Lettie Richards, of St. Joseph, and Walter McLaws are attending the St. Johns-Snowflake track meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Cooley delightfully entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Matthews at dinner on Monday evening.

John R. Hulet went down to Winslow today to confer with Santa Fe officials regarding the spur track to be laid to the building site of his large warehouse.

R. L. Newman, of Taylor, returned to his home today after spending a couple of days attending to business affairs in Holbrook. He was the guest of W. B. Cross while in town.

Hon. W. H. Burbage was in Holbrook last Saturday attending to some legal business for the Santa Fe railroad company, which corporation he represents in this state in the field of law.

Preparations are being made by Walter McLaws for an automobile trip to Tooley City, Utah. His father and mother will accompany him. They are going to visit Mrs. McLaws' parents and assist in the celebration of her father's 91st birthday, which happy event occurs on the 30th day of April. They expect to leave Holbrook about the 20th.

W. B. Cross has just received and placed in his barber shop, the handsome deer head which he received a couple of days ago from Stainsky, taxidermist of Colorado Springs. The deer was killed by Jere Porter last December, in the White mountains. The head is beautifully mounted and an unusually fine specimen of the noble ranger of the forest.

Mrs. C. C. Cozby and mother, Mrs. Susan Mann, left last Sunday for San Diego, where they will enjoy a three weeks' visit with their son and brother, Mann, at the end of which time they will journey on to Fresno, Mrs. Cozby's home. Mrs. Cozby spent several weeks in Holbrook as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jas. Scorse, and Mrs. Mann has made her home with Mrs. Scorse for several months.

The Navajo hotel operated for years by T. J. Hesser, which came into possession of W. W. Perkins and A. H. Hansen by action of the court last September 6th, was last Friday redeemed by court action and Mrs. Hesser is now in possession of the property. Chas. Harp who for some months last summer conducted this hotel under lease, will be installed in a few days as manager for Mrs. Hesser, and his wide acquaintance and genial personality give assurance of his success in that capacity.—Winslow Mail.

METHODIST SPECIAL SERVICES CONTINUED

The meetings at the Methodist church will be continued from Monday to Friday of another week. The general subject thus far has been the Apostles' Creed. During the coming week, except on Wednesday night when Rev. White, of the Episcopal church will have charge, the subjects will be those on which Methodism has placed special emphasis; such as Justification by Faith, Regeneration, and the Witness of the Spirit. Methodism was not in its origin a new system of theology but a revival of experimental religion. Its special purpose is to transform the Christian's faith from a theory to a life; from a belief that Jesus Christ came to save the race to the assurance that he saves "me." Respectfully we raise the question, Do you know your sins forgiven? Earnestly "we beseech you, Be ye reconciled to God."

CARL M. ROSS.

Diaz Would Restore Peace

Felix Diaz, who helped Huerta overthrow Madero and, later fled from Mexico under the protection of the United States, returned to Washington, March 11, with a party of Mexicans and Americans and prepared to issue a statement of his purposes later in the day.

From statements made to the senate foreign relations committee last week by Pedro Del Villar, who accompanied Diaz, it is believed to be the purpose of the Diaz faction to restore peace in Mexico by a plan which will not recognize either Huerta, Carranza or Villa.

Certain senators said that sanction had been asked for a counter-revolutionary movement. Members of the Diaz party denied that they wished the aid of the United States in an armed revolution.

It was said that Diaz met Senators Root and Fall last week and explained his purposes. Acting Chairman Shively said that the Mexicans had given the foreign relations committee interesting reformation, but no sanction had been given to any revolutionary movement.

Carranza promised there would be no more assaults like that on the son of Silas King at Naco.—Gazette.

Miss Lila Blevins of Heber, is spending a few weeks in town as the guest of Miss Allie Cross.

Mrs. R. A. Wilkerson has returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in St. Joseph.

Jesse Hulet returned last Monday from attending the week's session of U. S. court, held in Prescott.

The Misses Allie and Loa Cross went to Snowflake today to witness the field sports between the St. Johns and Snowflake Stake academies.

Hon. T. J. Norris, of Prescott, who has been to Washington, D. C., on business pertaining to the Ranchers Trust Company's affairs, was in Holbrook Wednesday on his way home.

J. E. Crosby, the county attorney, is having a well drilled on his ranch out on the Washboard, about ten miles south of town. He will devote much of his time to agriculture this year, and is installing a gasoline engine for the purpose pumping water to irrigate quite a large acreage he is having prepared for planting.

SANTA FE WILL BUILD NEW DEPOT SOON

While no official statement has been given out regarding the building of the new Santa Fe depot it is generally believed that work on the building will start at no very distant date. Plans for the building which is to be 50x200 feet, have been submitted to the general superintendent for his approval, and local contractors have received letters asking for bids on same. Besides erecting a new depot here the Santa Fe contemplates making various other improvements. The house track is to be extended 1500 feet west, the wool platform is to be lowered and moved further west on the north side of the track and the section house will also be moved further west and on the opposite side of the track from its present location.

It is quite definitely understood that the Standard Oil company will locate their distributing tanks here. The ground upon which they are to be erected it is said, has been decided upon and negotiations for same entered into. The construction of several dwelling houses, a new school house, the big warehouse for the A. C. M. I., combined with the above mentioned buildings, give promise of making this a banner year for growing Holbrook, and recalls to mind the oft repeated words of Judge Sapp and verifies his strong faith in Holbrook's future. "It will pay you to keep your good eye on Holbrook." As a commercial center she heads the list and her population must increase accordingly.

And there is the electric light and power plant and the building of the Navajo Southern Railway, both of which are as certain of coming as the day of doom, not some time in the dim future, but soon. The men who are promoting this enterprise know no such word as "failure."

St. Johns Observer Items

Force work on the Lyman Irrigation canal is under way at the present time.

A bright boy baby was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Shreeve last Sunday, March 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Linton and two children, of Provo, Utah, arrived here today for a short visit with Mr. Linton's sister, Mrs. Mary L. Morgan.

Bp. John Hunt, one of the first supervisors of Apache county and for more than thirty-five years a prominent resident of Snowflake, came down from Eagar Tuesday bringing his daughter, Mrs. Bell H. Flake, and two granddaughters, Mrs. Ellen Owens and Miss Mary West. While here they visited Mrs. Ida H. Udall, and daughter of Mr. Hunt.

Miss Clara Earth of St. Johns, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. M. A. Crouse is having a new sidewalk built in front of her property on Main street.

M. Mickleson, the monument dealer of Snowflake, was here this week, placing a monument for Chas. Thomas, at the head of Mrs. Thomas' grave.

Alfonso Blum of the A. and B. Schuster company, is proudly exhibiting a beautifully mounted wolf skin which he received Wednesday from Colorado Springs, having sent it to a taxidermit in that city a few weeks ago.



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